

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 24-27. Claims 1-23 remain in the present application.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 28, 2001. In other words, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-23 in the present application. Applicant has canceled claims 24-27 in the present application solely in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 28, 2001. Applicant hereby reserves its right to file a divisional application directed to claims 24-27 which are canceled in this application solely in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement.

According to the election made herein to prosecute claims 1-23 in this application, Applicant respectfully requests an early examination and/or allowance of claims 1-23 remaining in this application.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct all correspondence and communications to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted;

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